

CLAIMS

1. A telecommunications services apparatus for use in a mobile telecommunications network, the apparatus comprising means for receiving text messages, means for processing the received text messages, and means for controlling the availability of the text message processing according to the recipient address of the text message.  
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2. A telecommunications services apparatus for use in a mobile telecommunications network, the apparatus comprising call routing means operable:  
10 to receive a routing information request signal indicative of a telephone communication intended for a mobile terminal;  
to return a routing information response signal indicative of the telecommunications services apparatus instead of being indicative of the intended  
15 mobile terminal; and  
to control availability of processing of the telephone communication according to the returned routing information response signal.
3. Apparatus according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the network includes a  
20 home location register programmable to control the availability of text message processing.
4. Apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the home location register includes a settable flag for controlling the availability of the text message processing.  
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5. Apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the text message processing includes copying and/or diversion of the text message, interception of the text message, providing location privacy, anti-spam protection, access to diverted messages, and/or access to messages from other messaging systems.

6. A telecommunications services method for a mobile telecommunications network, the apparatus comprising:

receiving a routing information request signal indicative of a telephone communication intended for a mobile terminal;

5 returning a routing information response signal indicative of a telecommunications services apparatus instead of being indicative of the intended mobile terminal; and

controlling availability of processing of the telephone communication according to the returned routing information response signal.

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7. A computer program having computer executable instructions, which when loaded on to a computer is operable to cause the computer to perform the method according to claim 6.

15 8. A computer program product having a computer readable medium having recorded thereon information signals representative of the computer program according to claim 7.